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(e) whether the same officer attended a meeting of the Cochin Chamber of Commerce or its committee or a meeting of certain European merchants in which the future election campaign in their interests was discussed?

- A.—(a) The period of supersession of the Cochin Municipal Council was extended from the 15th November 1927 to 10th January 1928, as it was not found possible to complete the elections to the reconstituted council before that date.
- (b) The wards were revised. There is however no information of the reasons for or the result of the revision. The power of the Government in this regard has been delegated to Collectors.
- (c) The Government have no reason to think so.
- (d) No.
- (e) The Government have no information on the point.

Industries

Application of Messrs. Abbas Magnesite Co. for State aid.

* 1466 Q.—MR. L. K. TULASIRAM: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

- (a) whether an application was received from Messrs. Abbas Magnesite Company for State aid under the State Aid to Industries Act;
- (b) if so, whether the State aid was granted to the applicants; and
- (c) if not, what are the grounds on which State aid was refused to the firm?

A.—From a recent communication received from the Director of Industries the Government note that an application for the guarantee of an overdraft with the Imperial Bank of India to the extent of Rs. 6 lakhs was received by him from the Company and that at the meeting of the Board of Industries held on 9th December 1927, it was resolved by a majority to adjourn the consideration of the application until certain further information had been received.

Correspondence relating to the grant of State aid to Messrs. Abbas Magnesite Co.

* 1467 Q.—MR. L. K. TULASIRAM: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to lay all the correspondence relating to the grant of State aid to Messrs. Abbas Magnesite Co. on the table of this House?

A.—The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to question No. 1466. The Government are not in possession of any other correspondence on the subject.

Registration

The new scheme of registration of holdings.

* 1468 Q.—MR. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased—

(a) to place on the table of this House

(1) a description of the new scheme of registration of holdings referred to in the answer to question No. 962 answered on 31st October 1927;